



2023 - NOTICE TO SHIPPING #12

NIAGARA REGION WELLAND CANAL

Interfaces at Lock 8 South West Approach Wall

Mariners are advised that, effective August 2nd 2023, interfaces will be allowed at the Lock 8 South West approach wall (L8SW) on a trial basis if traffic permits.

Ships **must make** the request for the interface by email (nrerie@seaway.ca), phone ((905) 641-1932 x5450 or x5454) or by VHF radio six hours in advance of the interface in order to obtain prior approval by the Canal Shift Supervisor. Permission for the interface will only be granted if traffic permits.

The following interfaces may be permitted:

1. Personnel Interfaces: crew members, pilots, technicians, repair persons, shore staff, other R1 personnel and their equipment.
2. Ship Chandlers: including stores and supplies but **NO** repairs are to be made while at the approach wall **NOR** bulk liquid transfers of pollutants or dangerous chemicals.

Stoppages should not exceed 2 hours in duration at the discretion of Traffic Control.

IMPORTANT:

Anyone intending on embarking/disembarking a ship shall only do so once the ship is fully secured on the approach wall.

In addition, there is a 2m Fall Hazard Zone marked on the approach wall. The persons that interface with the ship must remain outside of the fall hazard zone until the shipboard personnel assisting are ready to load/unload passengers or provisions.

Failure to follow these rules may result in removal of interface privileges.

The conduct of interfaces at L8SW will be assessed throughout the 2023 Navigation season and a long-term strategy for this location may be developed pending successful results.

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